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**WESTERN UKRAINE COMPETITION
ZAKARPATTIA, LVIV, IVANO-FRANKIVSK, TERNOPIL, and CHERNIVTSI
OBLASTS**

The U.S. Embassy's Media Development Fund invites independent media outlets and registered Western Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in media or media freedom issues in Zakarpattia, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, and Chernivtsi Oblasts to submit proposals for projects designed to enhance professional journalism standards in analytical reporting and investigative journalism and to bolster closer cooperation between media outlets and journalism schools in Western Ukraine.

The competition themes are focused on but not limited to the following:

1. Investigation journalism and analytical reporting in the areas of:

- freedom of the press in regional media;
- transparency and accountability of local government, and access to official information;
- legal reforms, reforms in public health, education, and communal services;
- freedom of speech issues in the time of war in the Eastern Ukraine;
- land reforms at the local level;
- ethnic minorities issues.

2. Organizing student internships in the leading regional media outlets and providing training to journalism students.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Grants can be given only to Ukrainian independent media outlets and NGOs registered in accordance with Ukrainian law.
- All project activities are to take place in Ukraine.

- Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from other donors and to offer some type of cost sharing (volunteer time, space, equipment, etc.)
- ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE NON-PARTISAN. They cannot represent or be affiliated with a political party, or appointed or elected officials. State-owned media or media outlets that belong to, or are supported by, political parties are not eligible to apply.

The U.S. Embassy expects to fund quality and results-oriented projects from media outlets and NGOs located in Western Ukraine. The duration of programs may vary depending on the proposals but the length of the project should be no greater than 12 months. The average project budget will be \$7,000–\$17,000. The winners of this grant competition will be notified in June 2015.

Maximum funding available for a single grant is \$24,000

DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN April 15, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

HOW TO APPLY

✓ **TO THE MEDIA DEVELOPMENT FUND SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Send project proposals marked “**WESTERN UKRAINE COMPETITION**” electronically to the address: KyivMDF@state.gov

In all correspondence, please refer to the “**WESTERN UKRAINE COMPETITION.**”

Please do not archive your documents. Send them as separate files.

Application forms with instructions are available at:

<http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/programs-grants.html>

All applicants will be notified (by phone or e-mail) of their application’s receipt.

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. .

Applicants are encouraged strongly to review the information on the U.S. Embassy Media Development Fund prior to submitting their proposals.